

Remarks

Claim 15 and the drawings are objected to because the "hinge portion" is not disclosed in the specification or shown in the drawings.

Applicant's specification at page 3, lines 26-32 states that

Cup holder 28 is pivotably coupled to base 12. As shown in FIG. 4, a first post 50 extends from first interior wall 32 into cavity 30 and a second post 52 extends from second interior wall 34 into cavity 30 and toward the first post. First and second posts 50, 52 cooperate to define a cup holder pivot axis 54. First connector portion 46 of shell 38 includes a first post opening 56 sized to receive first post 50 therein. Second connector portion 48 of shell 38 includes a second post opening 58 sized to receive second post 52 therein.

As seen in Figs. 3 and 4, cupholder 28 is pivoted about pivot axis 54 by virtue of post 50 in opening 56 and post 52 in opening 58. Each post 50, 52 and its respective opening 56, 58 constitutes a hinge portion. Applicant has amended the specification to clarify that post 50 and its respective opening 56 constitutes a first hinge portion and post 52 and its respective opening 58 constitutes a second hinge portion. Accordingly, the specification and drawings support the recitation of "hinge portion" in claim 15.

The above change was discussed during a telephone interview between the undersigned and examiner Erika Garrett on May 19, 2005 and it was agreed that this change overcomes the objections to claim 15 and the drawing.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341-68796).

Respectfully submitted,

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